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Applicants: Kong-Hong Andy Choo, et al. **Examiner:** William O. Sandals
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated June 3, 2003, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 8-10, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO: 3.

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